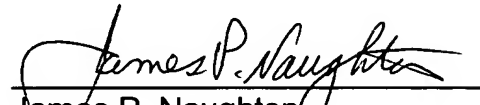


REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 21 have been amended.

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